I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Servi sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commission in Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231, on: lovember 19 2001 ket No. 455525-8046.US00 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE DEC 0 3 2001 E APPLICATION OF: Sydney Brenner et al. EXAMINER: Unknown SERIAL No.: 09/756,830 ART UNIT: 1632 FILED: January 8, 2001 FOR: ENZYMATIC SYNTHESIS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDE TAGS Information Disclosure Statement Within Three Months of Application Filing or Before First Action - 37 CFR 1.97(b) Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: 1. Timing of Submission This information disclosure is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever occurs last [37 CFR 1.97(b)]. The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) may be material to examination of this application; the Examiner is requested to make them of record in the application. 2. Cited Information Copies of the following references are enclosed:  $\boxtimes$ All cited references X References marked by asterisks The following: \* Copies of the following references can be found in parent application Ser. No. \*: All cited references References marked by asterisks

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